



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

February 8th, 2015
5th Sunday after the Epiphany



Nothing Is too Difficult for God

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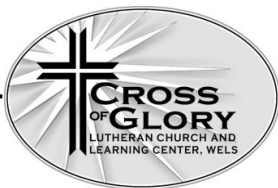
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD AND SACRAMENT

HYMN.....This Day at Your Creating Word (CW #229)

STAND

- M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



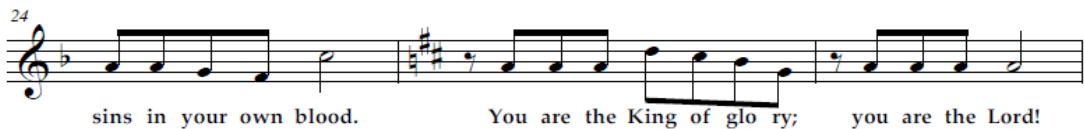
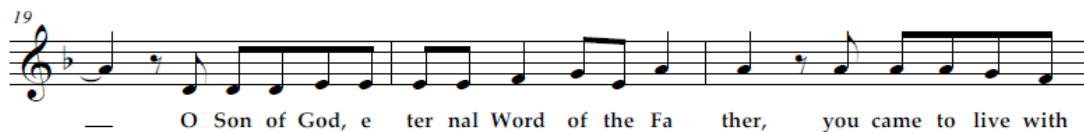
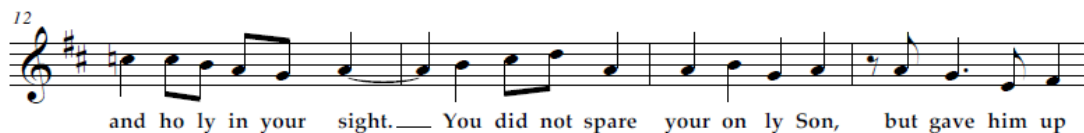
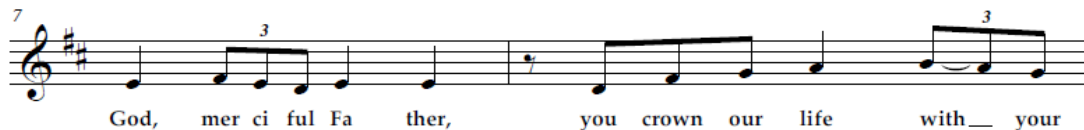
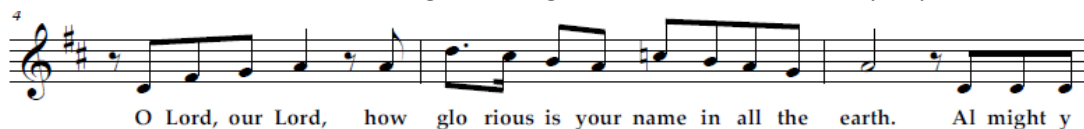
C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A— men.

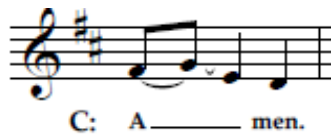
M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....2 Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.² Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."⁹ So Naaman went

with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy."¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!"¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 32

Refrain



Psalm tone



M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are for'given, *

C: whose sins are 'covered.

M: When I kept silent, your hand was heavy u'pon me; *

C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of 'summer.

M: Then I acknowledged my 'sin to you *

C: and did not cover up my in'iquity.

M: I said, "I will confess my transgressions 'to the LORD" *

C: and you forgave the guilt 'of my sin.

Refrain

M: You are my 'hiding place; *

C: you will protect me from 'trouble.

M: Many are the woes of the 'wicked, *

C: but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who 'trust in him.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son *

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL.....Mark 1:40-45

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."⁴¹ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning:⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone.

*But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."*⁴⁵ *Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY.....Salvation Unto Us Has Come (#390)

SERMON.....Mark 1:40-45

THEME: “Nothing Is too Difficult for God”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

C: Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo ry. You are my God and
I will ex alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be come my sal
va tion. Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—

us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have

mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The first line ends with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation. The second line begins with a whole note 'us.' followed by the lyrics. The third line ends with another long horizontal line. The fourth line concludes the phrase with 'men.' and a double bar line.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (CW # 311)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A— men.

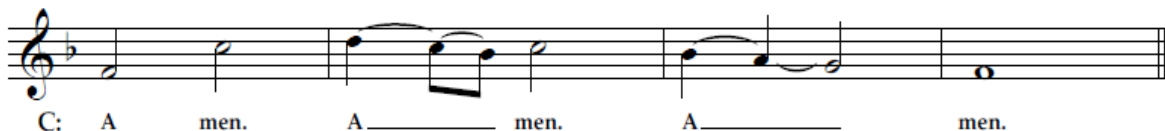
The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a short phrase of four notes: a quarter note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a double bar line.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....O God, Our Help in Ages Past (#441)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: ; Communion: .

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund: \$1367.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

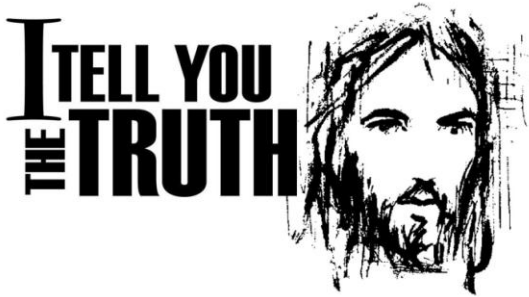
MOnday (2/9):	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday (2/11):	10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
Sunday (2/15):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

EVANGELISM MEETING THIS MONDAY - 6:30 P.M.



The evangelism committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing upcoming outreach events including Easter for Kids. All members of the congregation are invited to join the discussion on this vital part of Cross of Glory's ministry.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS



Our midweek Lenten evening prayer services will begin on AshWednesday, February 18th. We will again be having soup suppers before worship starting at 5:30. Our evening prayer service will be held at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth." These services provide an excellent opportunity to focus your heart and mind on what is truly important during the Lenten season.

Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday - "Anyone who sins is a slave to sin."

Feb. 25th - "Faith can move mountains."

Mar. 4th - "Fruits of faith will be remembered."

Mar. 11th - "One of you will betray me."

Mar. 18th - "You will disown me."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST



Our district evangelism co-ordinator, Pastor Jon Scharf of Covington, GA, will be leading an evangelism worship onSaturday, February 21st from 9:30a - 2:30p with lunch being served. All of our members are invited to attend as we focus our attention on outreach possibilities in our community. Pastor Scharf will also be leading a Friendship Evangelism Bible study on Sunday morning and preaching for our worship that day.

COG NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH



We are planning an outing the LSU baseball game on Friday, February 27th. The game is at 7:00 p.m. and the tickets cost \$4 a piece. We are planning on meeting at a designated spot beforehand for a picnic supper. To reserve tickets, please email Pastor Hahm. We have already had a great response, but there is room for a few more.